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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A composition comprising:

a[n] uncrosslinked styrenic block copolymer; and

a thermoplastic vulcanizate comprising a substantially-fully cross-linked rubber selected from the group consisting of ethylene-propylene-diene rubber (EPDM), ethylene-propylene rubber (EPR), styrene butadiene rubber, butadiene rubber, butyl rubber, styrenic rubber, ethylenic rubber, and mixtures thereof, wherein the rubber is derived from a polymer that includes terminal and non-terminal unsaturation.

wherein the styrenic block copolymer is not crosslinked with the thermoplastic vulcanizate.

- 2. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the styrenic block copolymer is selected from the group consisting of A-B-A triblock copolymers, A-B-A-B tetrablock copolymers, A-B-A-B-A pentablock copolymers, and mixtures thereof.
- 3. (Original) The composition of claim 2, wherein A is a hard block comprising vinylarene monomers and B is a soft block comprising olefinic monomers.
- 4. (Original) The composition of claim 2, wherein the styrenic block copolymer has a styrene-ethylene butylene-styrene structure, a styrene-ethylene propylene-styrene structure, or a styrene-ethylene ethylene propylene-styrene structure.

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5. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic <u>vulcanizate</u> includes resin is a polyolefin resin.

- 6. (Canceled)
- 7. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 1, wherein the rubber is ethylene-propylene-diene copolymer-rubber.
- 8. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the amount of the styrenic block copolymer is at least about 5 parts per 100 parts of the thermoplastic vulcanizate.
- 9. (Original) The composition of claim 8, wherein the amount of the styrenic block copolymer is between about 5 parts and 400 parts per 100 parts of the thermoplastic vulcanizate.
- 10. (Original) The composition of claim 9, wherein the amount of the styrenic block copolymer is between about 15 parts and 300 parts per 100 parts of the thermoplastic vulcanizate.
- 11. (Original) The composition of claim 1, further comprising mineral oil.
- 12. (Original) The composition of claim 8, further comprising mineral oil.
- 13. (Original) The composition of claim 12, wherein the amount of the mineral oil is at least about 10 parts per 100 parts of the thermoplastic vulcanizate.
- 14. (Original) The composition of claim 13, wherein the amount of the mineral oil is between about 20 parts and 800 parts per 100 parts of the thermoplastic vulcanizate.

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15. (Original) The composition of claim 14, wherein the amount of the mineral oil is between about 25 parts and 600 parts per 100 parts of the thermoplastic vulcanizate.

- 16. (Original) A composition of claim 1 having a hardness less than about 50 Shore A.
- 17. (Original) A composition of claim 1 having a hardness between about 10 and 45 Shore A.
- 18. (Original) A composition of claim 1 having a hardness between about 15 and 35 Shore A.
- 19. (Original) A composition of claim 1 having a 22 hour compression set at 70°C of less than about 30%.
- 20. (Original) A composition of claim 17 having a 22 hour compression set at 70°C of between about 10% and 25%.
- 21. (Original) A composition of claim 18 having a 22 hour compression set at 70°C of between about 15% and 23%.
- 22. (Currently Amended) A composition comprising:

a styrenic block copolymer having a styrene-ethylene butylene-styrene structure, a styrene-ethylene propylene-styrene structure, or a styrene-ethylene ethylene propylene-styrene structure, wherein the styrenic block copolymer is uncrosslinked; and

a blend of polypropylene and a substantially-fully cross-linked ethylene-propylene-diene copolymer rubber.,

wherein the styrenic block copolymer is not crosslinked with the blend.

23. (Original) The composition of claim 22, further comprising mineral oil.

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24. (Currently Amended) A composition comprising:

a[n] uncrosslinked styrenic block copolymer; and

a thermoplastic vulcanizate comprising a substantially fully cross-linked rubber, wherein the rubber is derived from ethylene-propylene-diene monomers eopolymer rubber (EPDM).[.]

wherein the styrenic block copolymer is not crosslinked with the thermoplastic

25. Cancelled

vulcanizate.

- 26. (Previously Presented) A method of making a polymeric composition comprising: dynamically vulcanizing a cross-linkable rubber in a polyolefin; and then melt blending the dynamically vulcanized rubber in the polyolefin with a styrenic block copolymer.
- 27. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 26, wherein the cross-linkable rubber is derived from ethylene-propylene-diene monomerscopolymer-rubber-(EPDM).
- 28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 26, wherein the polyolefin includes polypropylene.
- 29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 26, wherein the styrenic block copolymer is selected from the group consisting of styrene-ethylene-butylene-styrene copolymer, styrene-ethylene- propylene-styrene copolymer and styrene-ethylene-ethylene-propylene-styrene copolymer.